



JANUARY 20, 2009

AGENDA
FREMONT CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, FREMONT

6:00 P.M. (Please Note Time Change)

1. PRELIMINARY

- 1.1 Call to Order
- 1.2 Salute to the Flag
- 1.3 Roll Call
- 1.4 Announcements by Mayor / City Manager

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

[Any person desiring to speak on a matter which is not scheduled on this agenda may do so. The California Government Code prohibits the City Council from taking any immediate action on an item which does not appear on the agenda, unless the item meets stringent statutory requirements. The Mayor will limit the length of presentations (see instructions on speaker card) and each speaker may only speak once on each agenda item.]

*Times Are
Approximate*

**3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**

6:00-7:30 p.m.

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Public Comment

**4. EAST-WEST CONNECTOR (ROUTE 84 OPTION 2)
PROJECT**

7:30-8:30 p.m.

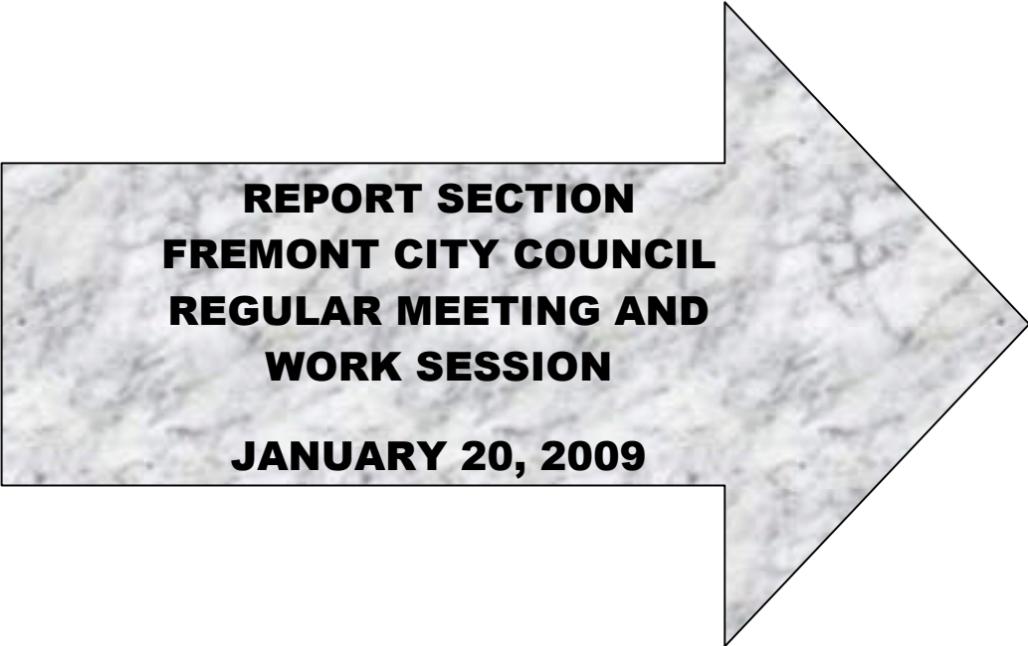
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5. ADJOURNMENT



**REPORT SECTION
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PURPOSE OF THE WORK SESSION: In response to a referral from the City Council, staff invited Will Travis, Executive Director of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) to present information regarding anticipated impacts from climate change on the Bay Area region.

REQUESTED OUTCOMES OF THE WORK SESSION:

1. Receive presentation.
2. Receive public comment.
3. Discuss ideas and options.

ENCLOSURE: "Preparing California for a Changing Climate," Public Policy Institute of California

4. **EAST-WEST CONNECTOR (ROUTE 84 OPTION 2) PROJECT** **Discussion of the Draft Environmental Impact Report**

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PURPOSE OF THE WORK SESSION: The Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the East-West Connector Project (Route 84 Option 2 Project) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of implementing the project and possible mitigation measures. The public review period began on December 11, 2008 and ends on February 9, 2009. All written comments must be submitted to ACTA by 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2009. Staff has prepared a draft letter to ACTA providing comments on the DEIR (See Enclosure A). The purpose of the Work Session is to provide an opportunity for the Council to discuss staff's comments and offer further comment for inclusion in the letter to ACTA. Staff will provide a general overview of the DEIR, briefly discuss staff's draft comments and receive Council input on the DEIR. Staff will also discuss the policy issues required to be addressed in the EIR by the Project's Memorandum of Understanding.

POLICY ISSUES/ANALYSIS: In 2006, the cities of Fremont and Union City, Caltrans and ACTA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the study of the "Local Roadway Improvement (Option 2) Project in Fremont and Union City," now referred to as the "East-West Connector Project" (see Enclosure B). The MOU established a framework for funding various transportation improvement projects, including completion of the I-880/Mission Boulevard Interchange, with different funding availability based on whether or not the East West Connector Project proceeded to design and construction or not. The MOU also provided specific guidance under which the environmental assessment and preliminary design for the Project would be developed and required that specific potential impacts be studied as part of the Project's environmental process. The specific potential impacts to address in the project's Environmental Impact Report (EIR) are listed in Section 14 (a) of the MOU, and the potential alternatives to study in the EIR are listed in sections 14 (b) of the MOU. A complete copy of the MOU is enclosed with this report for reference.

The public will have an opportunity to learn about the project and present their comments on the DEIR directly to ACTA at two public hearings. The first hearing is scheduled for January 14, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Kennedy Community Center in Union City, and the second is on January 15, 2009 at 6:30 PM at Warwick Elementary School in Fremont. Comments will also be accepted in writing by ACTA up until 5:00 PM, February 9, 2009.

Staff had two opportunities to review an Administrative Draft of the DEIR. Therefore, most of staff's technical comments were previously addressed and included in the current DEIR. Additional staff technical comments that need to be addressed in the Final EIR and staff's comments regarding the MOU requirements for the EIR are included in staff's draft comment letter.

The primary objectives of the proposed East-West Connector Project are to reduce local traffic congestion and travel time and to provide an improved direct east-west transportation link in Fremont and Union City between Mission Boulevard and Interstate 880. Although the traffic analysis in the DEIR indicates that some intersections in the project area improve with the project, some other intersections become more congested. This is a typical result of a major new roadway project like this. However, one of the key benefits of the project is the long term (2035) projected travel time savings within the corridor. The DEIR shows that travel times within the corridor improve 33 to 56 percent with the project in 2035 (Tables 3.12-9 and 3.12-10 on page 3.12-45 of the DEIR).

REQUESTED OUTCOME OF THE WORK SESSION:

1. Receive and consider staff's comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report.
2. Provide additional comments to be included in the City's official comment letter to ACTA regarding the December 2008 DEIR.

ENCLOSURES:

- A - Draft Comment Letter on DEIR
- B - Memorandum of Understanding

ACRONYMS

ABAG.....	Association of Bay Area Governments	FUSD	Fremont Unified School District
ACCMA	Alameda County Congestion Management Agency	GIS	Geographic Information System
ACE.....	Altamont Commuter Express	GPA.....	General Plan Amendment
ACFCD.....	Alameda County Flood Control District	HARB	Historical Architectural Review Board
ACTA	Alameda County Transportation Authority	HBA	Home Builders Association
ACTIA.....	Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority	HRC	Human Relations Commission
ACWD.....	Alameda County Water District	ICMA	International City/County Management Association
BAAQMD	Bay Area Air Quality Management District	JPA	Joint Powers Authority
BART	Bay Area Rapid Transit District	LLMD	Lighting and Landscaping Maintenance District
BCDC	Bay Conservation & Development Commission	LOCC.....	League of California Cities
BMPs	Best Management Practices	LOS	Level of Service
BMR	Below Market Rate	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
CALPERS.....	California Public Employees' Retirement System	MTC.....	Metropolitan Transportation Commission
CBD.....	Central Business District	NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
CDD.....	Community Development Department	NLC.....	National League of Cities
CC & R's	Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions	NPDES.....	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
CDBG.....	Community Development Block Grant	NPO.....	Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	PC.....	Planning Commission
CERT.....	Community Emergency Response Team	PD	Planned District
CIP	Capital Improvement Program	PUC.....	Public Utilities Commission
CMA	Congestion Management Agency	PVAW.....	Private Vehicle Accessway
CNG.....	Compressed Natural Gas	PWC.....	Public Works Contract
COF	City of Fremont	RDA	Redevelopment Agency
COPPS.....	Community Oriented Policing and Public Safety	RFP	Request for Proposals
CSAC.....	California State Association of Counties	RFQ.....	Request for Qualifications
CTC	California Transportation Commission	RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
dB	Decibel	ROP.....	Regional Occupational Program
DEIR.....	Draft Environmental Impact Report	RRIDRO	Residential Rent Increase Dispute Resolution Ordinance
DO	Development Organization	RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
DU/AC.....	Dwelling Units per Acre	SACNET	Southern Alameda County Narcotics Enforcement Task Force
EBRPD	East Bay Regional Park District	SPAA	Site Plan and Architectural Approval
EDAC	Economic Development Advisory Commission (City)	STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
EIR.....	Environmental Impact Report (CEQA)	TCRDF.....	Tri-Cities Recycling and Disposal Facility
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (NEPA)	T&O	Transportation and Operations Department
ERAF.....	Education Revenue Augmentation Fund	TOD	Transit Oriented Development
EVAW	Emergency Vehicle Accessway	TS/MRF	Transfer Station/Materials Recovery Facility
FAR	Floor Area Ratio	UBC	Uniform Building Code
FEMA.....	Federal Emergency Management Agency	USD.....	Union Sanitary District
FFD.....	Fremont Fire Department	VTa	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
FMC.....	Fremont Municipal Code	WMA	Waste Management Authority
FPD.....	Fremont Police Department	ZTA.....	Zoning Text Amendment
FRC.....	Family Resource Center		

**UPCOMING MEETING AND CHANNEL 27
BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Meeting Type</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Cable Channel 27</i>
January 27, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
February 2, 2009 (Monday)	4:00 p.m.	Joint City Council/FUSD Mtg.	Council Chambers	Live
February 3, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
February 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
February 17, 2009	6:00 p.m.	Work Session	Council Chambers	Live
February 24, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
March 3, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
March 10, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
March 17, 2009	TBD	Work Session	Council Chambers	Live
March 24, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
March 31, 2009 (5 th Tuesday)		No Meeting		
April 7, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
April 14, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live
April 21, 2009	TBD	Work Session	Council Chambers	Live
April 28, 2009	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	Council Chambers	Live